

Minutes

Environmental Advisory Board

16 September 2015

Ogden Dunes Town Hall

The Environmental Board met on 16 September 2015 at 5:30 pm at Town Hall. Attendees were Sue MiHalo, John Morris, Jim Biancotti, Bob Cattani, Kristine Sandrick, Paul Panther, and Tom Clouser.

Jim moved to accept the minutes of the last meeting of the Environmental Board, for 19 August 2015, with the stipulation that the statement about DNR delivering 7000 septic brochures to the town be changed to 7000 brochures being supplied to the towns of the region. Bob seconded. The motion carried.

There is no update on the MS4 exemption.

The Adopt-a-Beach cleanup will be on 19 September, and the training session put on by the Alliance for the Great Lakes on 3 Sept was attended by Kristine and Jim. The water sample and report are no longer required; just the summary of the collections should be submitted within 3 days. As some people from out of town have been recruited, Paul will ask Jim Reeder not to enforce parking between 8:30 to 11:30 am that Saturday. The division of the beach will change somewhat, as the east end of the beach is gone.

Jim said there was no meeting of the Septic System Coordination Work Group. Kristine suggested that the electronic sign announcing the end of chipping be used to display the message "Get Pumped." The beach cleanup banner will be replaced with the septic awareness banner this weekend.

Recycling is hanging at 30% diversion. Jim proposed having as speaker at the Town Council meeting, but Paul thought it best to have a separate meeting. Jim also mentioned a tour of the sorting facility might be possible. He said it happens twice a year, and the next one is 29 September.

In Long Lake Marsh, Sue needs to ask John Olsen if the spraying has been done, as the invasive plants aren't getting brown.

Sue said Gary MSD overcharged \$450 for the testing, possibly due to a different rate structure on the weekends. The contract with them states the rates, and the grant does not provide for this. She will check with IDEM to see if spare funds are available, but the better way is to stick to the contract as written.

There is nothing new on crude oil trains.

Tom did not want to delve into the Dark Skies lighting issue, since Susan Adams was not present. He did give some estimate of the cost just to do the town's street lights, which could run near \$10,000. This would require some fundraising to meet this goal.

Jim supplied some contact names for nearby industries for future assignment:

USS Midwest: Mark Henry 219-712-7347

Oil Tech: Nick Rovai 219-712-6632

Amrox: Jeff Weir 219-712-7817

Jim moved to adjourn, and Bob seconded. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm.

Submitted by John Morris.